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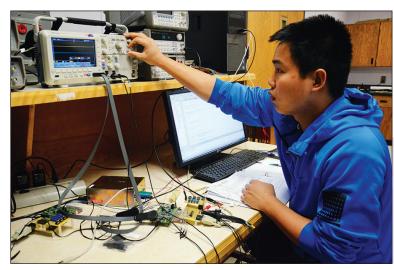
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# 2 K-State graduate programs on national top 100 list



Jacob Allan

K-State has two colleges that are receiving national recognition for their graduate programs. The U.S. News & World Report's 2014 Best Graduate School ranking listed the College of Engineer-

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Xiongjie Dong, graduate student in electrical engineering, works on a digital filtering project Wednesday in the Engineering Complex. U.S. News and World Report recognized K-State's College of Engineering and College of Education as among the best in the nation in their respective fields.

ing and the college of education at K-State as two of the best in the nation in their respective categories. The College of Education is ranked 88th in the country, a rank it shares with Washington State University and American University. The College of Engineering is ranked 94th alongside George Washington University and the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

"It is no surprise that Kansas State University has two graduate programs listed in U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate School rankings," said Kirk Schulz, university president, in a

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# **Union Passport Center moved** to second floor

**Austin Nichols** news editor

The K-State Student Union's Passport Center has moved to a different floor of the Union. The center, which was located on the first floor of the Union, has been relocated to the Union director's

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# SGA, City Commission look to collaborate



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

SGA vice president-elect Jake Unruh and city commission candidates answer audience question at an open forum on March 27. SGA president-elect Schooley aims to build a strong network of communication between the Manhattan City Commission and SGA in his upcoming term in order to foster teamwork and progress over the two organization's shared interests.

**Bridget Beran** 

contributing writer

One main issue facing recently elected student body president Eli Schooley, senior in political science, is the lack of communication between the K-State Student Government Association and the Manhattan City Commission.

"It's been up and down over time, I would say," Schooley said. "Some administrations, as far as SGA goes, have put a lot of effort into getting to know the city commissioners really well and some haven't."

In recent years there has been very minimal communication according to recently reelected city commissioner Rich Jankovich.

"Directly, I'm not sure that there is any," Jankovich said. "There hasn't been any communication directly from the student senate. It usually comes through staff and typically about the uses of the city-university

Current student body president president Nate Spriggs, senior in agri-cultural economics, said he interned and worked with city commission throughout the last two years.

"Several of them were pretty easy to work with, but a couple of the members were extremely difficult to communicate with, especially in regards to issues of students," Spriggs said. "I've maintained great working relationships and communication with Commissioner Jankovich, Pepperd and Sherow."

Yet lack of SGA's overall communication with the city commission is something Schooley is looking to change.

"I'm willing to do everything that I can to build that relationship," Schooley said.

Jankovich, along with newly elected city commissioners Usha Reddi and Karen McCulloh were all cited by Schooley as being more "student-friendly" and willing to hear issues that pertain to students.

"I'm going to try to schedule at least a quarterly session with student senate to be in front of them so they have an opportunity to tell me what they think of me and/or what's going on with the city, and I can respond back about things that I think are important to them," Jankovich said. "We would open up a door and hopefully

that becomes a tradition." Some plans are already in motion to begin connecting the student body

and the city commission. "There was an open forum in the Union that SGA put on that commissioner candidates came and basically said their stances on the issues so students would know who to vote for," Schooley said. "Things like that are good. I think it'd be great if the city commissioners could come to, like, SGA meetings on Thursday nights. Obviously not all of them, but just

occasionally and see what it is we do." One main issue that both Jankovich and Schooley hope to work toward is coming to an agreement about is reinstating the inspections of rental properties in the Manhattan

community. "Most students have never rented a house before and they don't know what to look for in safety regulations," said Josh Cox, SGA senator and junior in history. "It's cheaper for property owners and renters if those updates aren't made, but it can be

dangerous." This policy of ensuring that rental properties reach a certain level of safety was lifted by the current administration after pressure from a group of rental property owners.

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# Supreme Court vote pending on Defense of Marriage Act

Mike Stanton assistant news editor

Last week, the Supreme Court heard arguments over the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as a union between a male and a female for federal purposes, and California's Proposition 8, a 2008 voter initiative that narrowly overturned the state's Supreme Court ruling that granted gays and lesbians the right to marry.

A decision in the case, which could redefine how the federal government recognizes marriages, is expected in

"It's all a question of what the Court rules," said Jeffrey Jackson, professor at the Washburn University School of Law. "What they could do is say that there is a Constitutional right to marriage that extends to same-sex couples, but I don't know that they will. In fact, I'm pretty confident that

The issue of marriage equality has been a controversial topic for years, but recently public opinion has shifted dramatically in favor of granting homosexuals the right to wed. In



2004, according to a poll conducted by The Washington Post and ABC News, which asked respondents whether they think it should be legal or illegal for gay and lesbian cou-ples to get married, 55 percent said it should not be legal while 41 per-cent said it should be legal. Today, in 2013, 58 percent responded that gays

should be allowed to marry, while just 36 percent said they should not.

"I think that shift starts with the acceptance that there are people in this world that are different," said Brandon Haddock, director of K-State's LGBT resource center.

According to Haddock, the change in opinion can be traced to the fact that more people interact with gays and lesbians in their daily

"Familiarity kind of helps further the understanding," Haddock said. "If you can identify with somebody on the same level, then you're less

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# Take Back the Night to fight violence, rape

**Darrington Clark** managing editor

K-State students and faculty, as well as campus guests, will gather today in Bosco Plaza at 8 p.m. for Take Back The Night, an annual, national event to raise awareness and education about domestic violence.

Take Back the Night is basically a way for people to be able to stand up for nonviolence, attacking the problem at the base," said Ellen Ludwig, senior in fine arts and event organizer for Take Back the Night. "It's a way for people to voice their opinion about violence and rape.

Starting in Bosco Plaza, students will be audience to a range of speakers on domestic violence.

"This year, we're having a woman who has gone through some domestic violence, and she's going to speak on how it affected her and how she's dealt with it,"

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Tuesday, April 2

Michelle Leigh Ann **Powers**, of Wamego, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Gary Lee Smith Jr., of the 400 block of Colorado Street, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Wednesday, April 3

Nicholas Curtis Alderete, of the 700 block of Crestwood Drive, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$30.

Matthew Carmen Alonzo, of the 100 block of 11th Street, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

compiled by Katie Goerl

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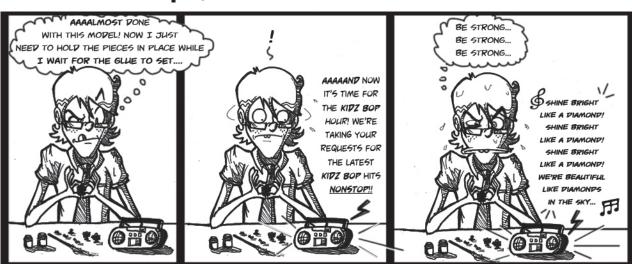
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I have never had a girlfriend before. Ladies, you don't know what you are missing!

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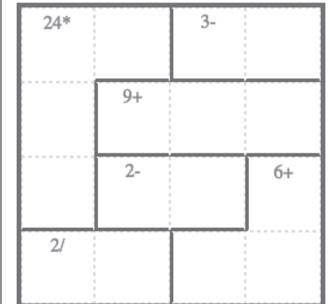
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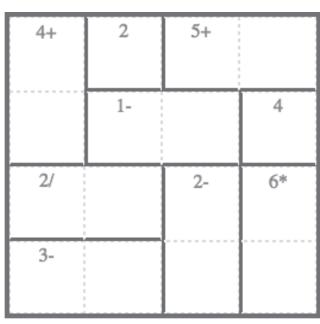
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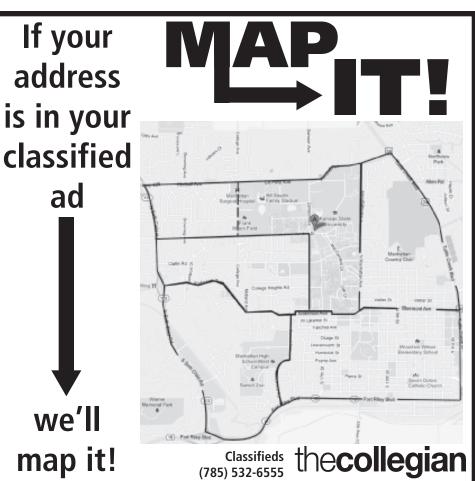


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# Valiant Effort: Cats fall to Utah in WNIT semifinal

Nicholas Wahl staff writer

K-State senior guard Brittany Chambers wasn't going to let her season end without a fight. Staring down yet another obvious size-disadvantage and poor shooting against the Utah Utes, the Wildcats erased a double digit second-half deficit to force overtime. It wasn't enough though, as K-State's season ended in a 54-46 loss in the semifinals of the

"Well, it's sad to see it come to an end, no question," said K-State head coach Deb Patterson. "This was just a real defensive battle, by and large, or a lack of production on the offensive end of the floor from our point of

With Utah up 39-31 and just under five minutes left in regulation Chambers, in what would be her final game at Bramlage Coliseum, took matters into her own hands. She drove hard to the basket, spinning through the paint before being fouled by Utah senior guard Iwalani Rodrigues. Two free throws later and the Utah lead was down to six. The next possession she was again able to get in the lane

and score, sending the crowd into a

After a Utah turnover, Chambers was able to get by her defender for two to make the score 39-37 Utes, with 3:18 remaining in the second

It remained a two-point deficit until Chambers capped off her own 8-0 run by rebounding her own missed three, scoring and tying the game at 39.

But that was it for the Wildcats. It would be the last bucket scored in regulation and the last bucket Chambers would score in her K-State

"I thought we fought back well in the second half. We still weren't that great, but we did enough to get into overtime which was all we could've asked for at that point," Chambers

Chambers finished her final game with 16 points to lead K-State.

"[Chambers] is really good," said Utah head coach Anthony Levrets. "She's as good an offensive player as we've seen. The goal is to give her as little space as possible, which is hard

when she can shoot it from 27 feet." Utah, who was dominant in the

paint all game, was just too strong for the Wildcats in overtime. Junior forward Taryn Wicijowski grabbed three offensive rebounds in the period, and each led to a Ute field goal. Her third was a killer, as it set up a corner 3-point shot from senior reserve guard Rachel Messer that put Utah up 46-41. K-State wouldn't get any closer than four the rest of the way as their season came to an end.

Those were very critical rebounds and extra possessions they got, and they scored off of them," Patterson

Cold shooting and the Utes' inside strength plagued the Wildcats the entirety of the game. K-State shot just 27 percent from the field and connected on only 3 of 27 3-pointers.

"They sagged a lot," Patterson said. "Defensively, they were on point, but

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Emily DeShazer | Collegian Senior guard Mariah White wipes away

tears and junior guard Chantay Caron cries after the seniors' last game in Bramlage Coliseum ends in a loss to Utah on Wednesday. The Cats made it as far as the final four in the WNIT.



# Baseball team defeats Omaha 3-2

**Spencer Low** 

Wednesday matchup with Omaha, Nebraska nearly came back to steal the game from the Wildcats in the ninth inning, but K-State held on and junior Gerardo Esquivel got a fly ball out with the bases loaded to seal a 3-2 win. K-State's record rose to 20-10 while Omaha's fell to 6-15 on the season.

The drama started in the top of the ninth, as Esquivel entered the game with a two-run

lead. The senior pitcher gave up a leadoff double to deep left center by Omaha freshman Alex Schultz followed by a grounder to third for the the first out. On Omaha senior Cory Buckley's single to short, sophomore shortstop Austin Fisher sailed his throw to first, allowing Schultz to scamper home and make it a one run game. Two more singles loaded the bases for Omaha, but Esquivel got Omaha senior pinch hitter Conner McCrite to pop out to center and end the

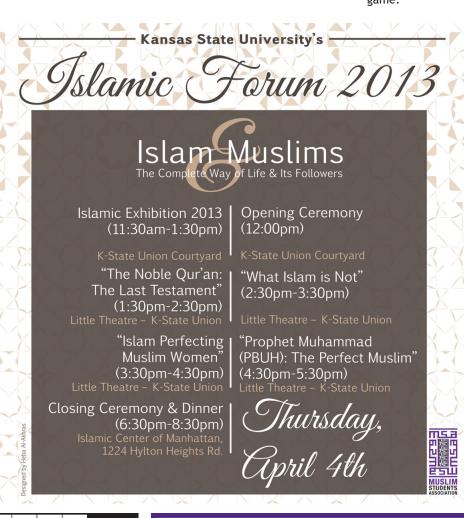
"We got the win," said K-State head coach Brad Hill. "The bottom line is we got the win. We found a way to score one more run than them, and that was huge."

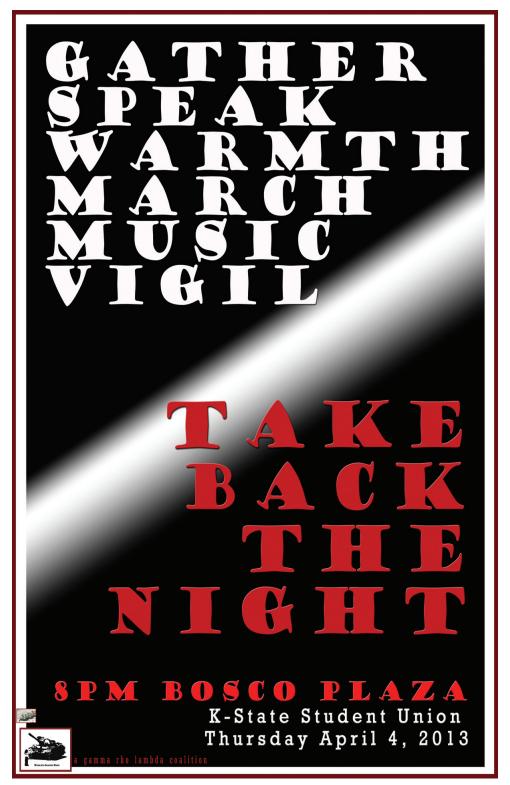
Senior starter Jake Doller lasted only three and a third innings for K-State, giving up one run off two hits.

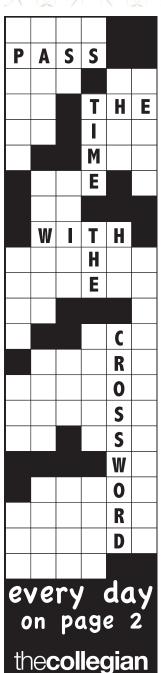


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# Tips for how to find, lease the right rental for you



Jena Sauber

In the springtime, "for rent" signs pop up like spring flowers all across Manhattan. Whether you are looking for a one-bedroom apartment or a house to share with six other people, finding the perfect rental space from the hundreds available can be challenging and, at times, overwhelming.

To ensure you get the rental unit you want and avoid surprises once the boxes have been unpacked and the moving truck has driven away, it's important to be observant and thorough.

## Do a complete walkthrough or

Before signing a contract, do a thorough walkthrough with a representative from the rental company. Point out all damages, stains and issues readily visible. If the company says they will fix these issues before you move in, ask for it to be denoted with your contract. If the issues remain when you move in or weren't going to be fixed before you moved in, ask the representative to come back for a second walkthrough before you move in all your belongings. Take pictures of all issues, and document them. If the rental company has a formal way to document damage, take the time to fill it out completely and accurately. Moving day may be stressful and busy, but taking the time to make sure all previous damages and issues are recorded can save you time, headaches and money when it comes time to move out.

When doing a walkthrough, it is important not to breach the privacy of the current tenants. Don't open drawers or use appliances without their permission and supervision.

## Check the plug-ins, lights and

Sure, you may have five plug-ins in your kitchen, but if only the one that's half hidden behind the microwave works, it isn't very helpful. When you do your walkthrough, look to see what plug-ins have devices plugged in to them. If the current tenants are there, ask them if all the plug-ins work. If not all of them

do, ask which ones are defunct.

Look skywards as well. If you are touring apartments during the day, the apartment might have a lot of natural light. But this natural light disappears pretty early in the winter. My current apartment doesn't have an overhead light in the living room. I noticed it when I toured the apartment but thought it wasn't going to be a big deal. However, unless you go to bed before 7 p.m. a majority of the year, not having an overhead light in a main room is going to be annoying. Lamps are good, but not great. If you come home after dark, it's a long, key-fumbling, book-bag dropping journey to the nearest lamp.

#### Talk to the current tenants

While the current tenants aren't always present at a walkthrough, if you are seriously considering a rental unit it is worth the time to make contact with the current tenants. Ask how much their monthly utility bill is. Many rental companies have contracts in which tenants only pay for certain utilities, but even those can add up quickly in older and less efficient units. Find out what the noise level is like in the surrounding apartments and how the existing appliances work. How

is the parking situation at the house or apartment complex?

Also, find out why they are moving. If they are moving due to problems with the unit or rental company, find that out. Get their opinion on how they liked the apartment. They may have had problems with it that you don't see just by touring the place.

#### Distance

Before you sign a contract, consider how far your apartment is from campus. Are you going to be walking, riding a bike or driving to campus every day? Distances may seem short by car, but if that is your walking path every single day Monday through Friday you may feel differently about it. Travel the route of your projected method of transportation several times. Even if you plan on driving to campus, try walking or riding your bike just in case. Think about all weather conditions. How will you feel walking to campus in January after a huge snow storm? Are you all right with the morning hunt for a parking space before your 9:30 a.m. class? These are all important things to

Read your contract

Before signing any contract, read it carefully all the way through. Make sure the terms of your lease are clearly outlined and that you understand them. If the rental company tells you that repairs will be made before you move in or while you are living there, ask for it to be put in the contract. Contracts are legally binding documents that can ensure that promises are fulfilled by both parties. Once signed, you are legally responsible for the agreement in the lease—even if you did not read it or understand it.

K-State's Consumer and Tenant Affairs Office recommends that perspective renters also check that the building meets all city codes, ask questions about the effectiveness and quality of the landlord and ask lots of questions about the rental company.

For help understanding a lease or other aspects of a rental agreement, contact the Consumer and Tenant Affairs Office at 785-532-6541 or email director Justin Scott at justinsc@ksu.edu.

Jena Sauber is a junior in mass communications. Please send comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.

# "BioShock Infinite" masterful in plot, theme

# BioShock Infinite

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Video game review by Parker Wilhelm

"The mind of the subject will desperately struggle to create memories where none exist." These are the enigmatic first

words directed at players as they begin "BioShock Infinite," the latest installment in the best-selling and critically-acclaimed "BioShock" video game series developed by Irrational Games. Much like the strange intro quote that kickstarts the game's campaign, "BioShock Infinite" is, from start to finish, completely atypical from your average first-person shooter game. Ultimately, it makes for a truly unique, powerful and amazing gaming experience.

In the game, the year is 1912 and you assume the role of Booker DeWitt, an ex-Pinkerton agent with a chip on his shoulder and a massive debt to pay. He is called to the floating city of Columbia to rescue Elizabeth, a young girl with otherworldly powers, in an effort to exchange her for a chance at a clean slate. Things go far from according to plan as Booker and Elizabeth get caught up in a civil uprising and have to fight their way out. Despite how it sounds, the plot of "BioShock Infinite" is far from simple. The second half of the game takes some interesting turns that leave the

player guessing.
The gameplay in "BioShock Infinite" is as varied and unique as the game's premise. Booker utilizes a variety of firearms and vigors, which are tonics with supernatural effects. Booker can also make use of the city's skylines and freighting rails that suddenly turn the game's grounded shooting mechanics into a high-speed roller-coaster shootout

shootout.
Elizabeth may be a constant companion in your travels



courtesy photo

across Columbia, but unlike other A.I. counterparts, she is far from a hindrance when it comes to combat. She is extremely handy in finding ammunition and first aid or even using her reality-tearing powers to give Booker a paranormal edge in battle.

While the combat is polished down to a shine, players may find it a bit lacking. I highly recommend that you turn up the difficulty before playing if you have had prior experience with the first two "BioShock" games, or any other first-person shooter.

other first-person shooter.

When the gun smoke settles, the city of Columbia is a breathtaking place to explore—I believe this sells the game by itself. The view is incredible with massive 20th-century buildings that drift along the horizon, decked out with patriotic colors and artwork. It feels like a Norman Rockwell concept of heaven, but the city also has a dark side

but the city also has a dark side.
Columbia was built on the ideals of American Exceptionalism, a turn-of-the-century philosophy that believes America to be the one true

example of what every country

should aspire to be. Because of this, Columbia exemplifies nationalism to an extreme, worshipping the Founder Fathers as religious deities. The city ends up seceding from the rest of the United States for not following in their example, referring to it as "the Sodom below".

While industrious, prideful and independent, Columbia is also wracked with jingoism, racism and civil war. The zealous, white-supremacist Founder class of Columbia is countered by the Vox Populi, a violent revolutionary group formed from Columbia's disenfranchised black, Irish and Chinese citizens. There isn't a clear "good" faction to side with, and it's sobering to be reminded that while Columbia's depiction of "national-pride-gone-horribly-wrong" is ridiculous by today's standards, such a sentiment did in fact exist at one point in American history. "BioShock Infinite" deserves commendation for handling such a sensitive topic in an engaging way. It's rare to be able

to explore such heavy-handed

subjects through a video game,

of all things.

Fans have eagerly awaited "BioShock Infinite" since it was announced nearly three years ago. With its level of anticipation came impossibly high expectations. Yet, in spite of all the hype, "BioShock Infinite" exceeds in all places. The gameplay, setting, characters and narrative all feel fresh. The final 15 minutes of the story literally, not figuratively, stunned me with the mother of all reveals.

Upon completing the campaign, I found myself instantly wanting to explore Columbia all over again to immerse myself in the imagery and literary themes, interact with the characters and have my mind blown by that ending all over again.

Storytelling in video games has made huge strides thanks to games like the "BioShock" series, and this installment far from disappoints. People will be talking about this game for a long time, and it's absolutely worth the price of admission to be a part of the discussion.

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# K-State students share experiences, struggles with autism

Jakki Thompson staff writer

The month of April is autism awareness month, a month dedicated to raising awareness of those individuals among us who live with intellectual or developmental disabilities that

fall into the autism spectrum.

Tuesday was World Autism
Awareness Day, promoted by
Autism Speaks, a leading organization in finding a cure for
individuals living with autism.

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke website, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), "is a range of complex neurodevelopment disorders, characterized by social impairments, communication difficulties, and restricted, repetitive, and stereotyped patterns of behav-

The ASD spectrum can range from high functioning, meaning that individuals can

function and their ASD can go undetected, to low functioning, where individuals tend to be unable to function within groups of people. Some people living with autism have difficulty holding a job or learning in a traditional classroom. Low functioning individuals with an ASD can get assistance in school with paraprofessionals and can often find additional assistance in a work setting.

"I think a common misconception in society is that people with ASD are all alike, as though you can measure what a person can or can't accomplish based on a diagnosis," said Monica Phinney, graduate student in drama therapy. "The reality is, if you've met one person with autism, you've only met one person with autism."

Phinney has an undergraduate degree in drama therapy and will be graduating this

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# **GRAD** | Schulz: award shows 'progress'

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March 13 news release. "Attracting highly talented and diverse graduate students, the College of Education and College of Engineering have graduate programs that advance a culture of excellence at Kansas State University and prepare graduates to be acknowledged as outstanding in their respective fields after graduation."

The rankings are determined through a number of national surveys, peer and recruiter assessments, expert opinions on program quality, student selectivity, faculty resources and the institutions' research activity.

The College of Education currently has over 1,000 graduate students, with 60 percent from the state of Kansas. The college also has 55 tenured tenure-tracked professors. The College of Engineering, on the other hand, has 455 graduate students to go along with 126 tenured and tenure-tracked professors.

There are 2,364 private and public 4-year institutions in the United States with well over 10,000 education and 6,000 engineering graduate programs. Of these education programs, 235 provided the

data needed for the survey while 191 schools with engineering programs provided

data as well. "Given that level of competition for colleges of education, being recognized in the top 100 is very prestigious,"

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said Debbie Mercer, dean of the College of Education. "Because we are on this list, graduate students across the nation will recognize Kansas State University as a high-quality education pro-

Amy Betz, assistant professor in the College of Engineering, said anything that gives K-State more recognition is a good thing for the programs and the university.

"You can get the same quality education [at Kansas State] the list," Betz said.

In February of 2010, the university launched a planning initiative with the goal of being recognized as a Top 50 Public Research University by 2025. This list is, "showing how much progress towards some of the of the goals of 2025 have been made," said Noel Schulz, director of engineering research and graduate programs and Paslay professor of electrical & com-

puter engineering.
She also said that the two programs' recognition "helps promote to people that we are in the top 100 and the best graduate program in the

To continue the progressing toward the 2025 goal, both programs look to the future.

"We look to increase the number of graduate students, and this list will help encourage students to come to graduate school here at Kansas State," Schulz said.

When asked what the program intends to do to continue its improvement, Schulz mentioned K-State would continue to improve its state-of-the-art-facilities for research and to improve the quantity and quality of gradu-

# ate recruitment. compared to other schools on **MOVE** | Center relocates to second

floor, no change in hours of operation

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office on the second floor. The Passport Center accepts passport applications for students on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. Students who are U.S. citizens and plan to travel internationally can also apply for passports at the center.

The hours will remain the same in the new location. Students can apply for passports from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Students can find application forms, information on required documentation, fees and a wealth of other passport and international travel information at union.k-state.edu or by calling 785-532-6591.

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Courtney Grecu helps Greg Akins, assistant director of the Union, apply for his passport Center. The Center recently moved from the first floor of the K-State Student Union into the director's office on the second



# SGA | Student body leadership to focus on allocations, transportation

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"The rental inspection policy has a big effect on students [if it's put back into place]. It's an impact in what their rent is," Jankovich said. "It may take some properties off the market that they may have rented, or have been forced to rent for whatever reason."

Another issue facing the current administration is developing transportation in and around Manhattan.

"Potentially, we could have a much better mass transit system, which would be huge," Schooley said. "Currently we have the ATA bus system but they only go to each stop once an hour, which is not the most handy thing. And I think a lot of our international students, especially, could get a lot out of every 15 minute trip to Walmart or the

These issues, and others facing SGA, could be

better addressed by improving communication between the two governing bodies.

"By improving communication, we can allocate students' dollars to better K-State as a university and assure a higher quality of life for students," said Cox.

Schooley and Spriggs are optimistic that with the newly elected commissioners, this relationship will continue to improve and that they can work for the benefit of the students and the Man-

hattan community. "The biggest things that we can improve by improving communication are that students would have a better idea of what it is the city commission does, and the commissioners would have a better idea of what SGA does," Schooley said.

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# NIGHT | Event to rally against violence

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Ludwig said.

After the presentation, participants plan to march through Aggieville to spread awareness of their cause.

"We go around Aggieville, the general area where a lot of people do feel unsafe, especially at night," Ludwig said. "We go march in the streets, basically telling people, 'We're here, we're taking back this night, we're taking back every night that we've been hit by domestic violence.

Schools and community organizations across the nation have taken part in annual Take Back the Night events for years. Mary Todd, director of the K-State Women's Center, said that the first Take Back the Night was originally held in honor and remembrance of a victim of violence.

"The first Take Back The Night event in the US was in Philadelphia in 1975," Todd said in an email interview. "Ĉitizens rallied together after Susan Alexander Speeth was stabbed to death

Ludwig said she hopes this year's event will help honor and remember victims, as well as

aid current students.

"It's something that I feel is empowering, especially with the march and the chants we do. It's a way for people to fight back, in some way, and to tell people that it's still out there," Ludwig said. "There could be someone in the audience who has been or is going through domestic violence or rape."

The turnout for the event has ranged from several dozen to hundreds of people in past years. Todd said that she hopes the weather and activities bring people in.

"I hope there will be a great turnout," Todd said. "There is a band playing after the march so students who really like music should join us."

This year will continue the new tradition of men marching alongside women through Aggieville. Ludwig said that men and women began marching together just last year.

It's not just women who are hit with domestic violence, and we realized that our march needed to change because of that," Ludwig said. Take Back the Night is open for all students and community members to attend.

Violence against others is a moral and cultural failing," Todd said. "Never be a silent by-

# **DOMA** | Supreme Court decision not expected to change Kansas law

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likely to feel that their life is wrong."

The state of Kansas has stayed true to its conservative roots on the issue of marriage equality. In 2005, voters passed an amendment to the state constitution that makes it unconstitutional to recognize same-sex marriages or civil unions. The referendum was approved by an overwhelming 70 percent of voters. Despite the national trend of increased support for gay marriage, Haddock said that if the same referendum were put to a vote today, he expects the outcome would be no

According to Jackson, the chances that the Supreme Court rulings will have a direct effect on ansas laws are slim.

"[A ruling] wouldn't effect Kansas unless thev actually do rule that there's a fundamental right to same-sex marriage provided by the Constitution." Jackson said. "Should the court rule that way, it would open up marriage in every state, but I don't count five [Supreme Court] votes for that."

Jackson says he expects the court to strike

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down the Defense of Marriage Act, which would end federal regulation of same-sex marriage and allow states to decide their own marriage laws.

"Keep in mind, we're all just throwing darts here," he said. "I think what you're going to see is a fractured opinion." Jackson also predicts that the Supreme Court

will leave intact the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision overturning Proposition 8.

Despite the slim chances of a landmark Supreme Court ruling in favor of same-sex marriage rights, proponents of marriage equality say that it's a huge step that the case is being heard.

"I think it's something that's needed to be done," said Rhett Jones, senior in hotel and restaurant management. "I understand why it's been state level so far becaus is a state-regulated institution, but the fact of the matter is that basic rights are a national issue."

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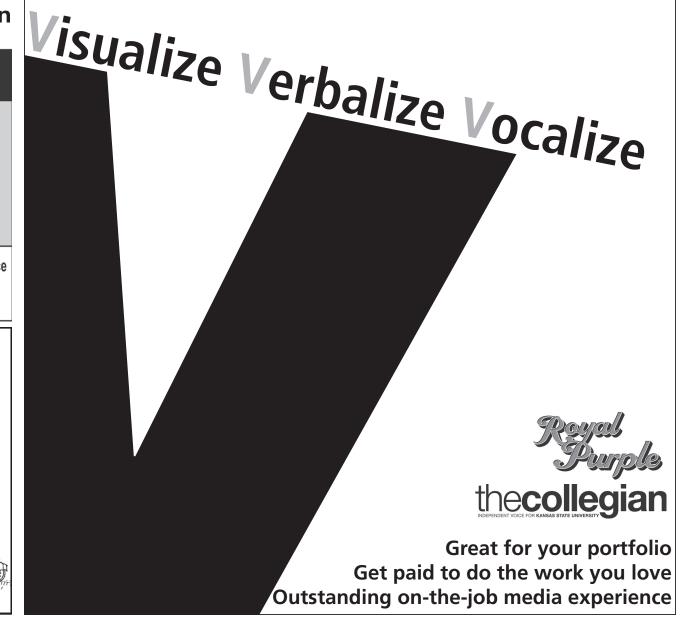
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# ASD | Local organizations raise funds, aid community affected by autism

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spring with her master's degree. For her master's thesis, she was the director of Barrier-Free Theater for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many of the adults in the program had autism spectrum disorders. She said the program used theater to help the adults in the program develop skills and gain self-confidence.

Brittany Gardner is a senior in family studies and human services who has an autistic younger brother. According to Gardner, having a family member with autism can be a challenge.

"One of the challenges is when we are in public and a situation becomes too much for him to handle, he begins to act out," Gardner said. "It's difficult because we are trying to calm him down to a point where he can handle the situation, but we also have to simultaneously deal with other people around us who glare because they think he is just misbehaving."

One 2008 K-State alumna in social science and sociology, who wished to remain anonymous, also has a brother who is autistic. When she was a kid, she hated dealing with her brother, the source said.

The woman's brother brother is 22-years-old now but has the mentality of a 5-year-old. He has had this mentality his entire life. The source said she hated going out with him to public places, like stores, because he would act out and people would stare. She said there were times it was horrible and embarrassing to go out in public, but other times her brother would be engaging and make their family laugh.

Gardner agreed that it can be challenging.

"As a sister, it's challenging [to have an autistic sibling] because all of a sudden, everything has to be tailored around one person in the family," Gardner said. "Every vacation, every event, every function has to be



courtesy photo

Emma Clements, Ava Widman and Chloe Porter, Manhattan residents, participated in the 2011 Walk for Recovery event to raise money to hold activities for children and families affected by autism. The event was held by Autism Meet Optimism, a local organization aimed at helping raise awareness of and support for autism.

suitable for him, which limits things. It also prevents me from interacting with him. I wanted to bring him to a K-State football game because he loves K-State and football, but it would have been too much for him to bendle"

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This Saturday is the third annual Walk for Recovery, an event put on by Manhattan' organization Autism Meet Optimism. Registration dates have already passed, but community members are welcome to attend and support race participants and the program. The event starts at 10 a.m. in Manhattan City Park's pavilion.

"I encourage people to become educated and aware of autism," said Brandy Porter, co-founder of Autism Meets Optimism. "Eventually, everyone will most likely encounter a friend or relative or someone else with autism, so it's good to know about it."

There are also organizations within the broader community that help individuals with ASD. Barrier-Free Theatre is an ongoing program through the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department which will be performing an original play starring community members both

with and without disabilities at the Manhattan Arts Center on April 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m.

"One of the most rewarding things for me is, I am currently working with a child with autism," said Phinney. "And even more than that, this child is continuously meeting milestones many people would assume are impossible."



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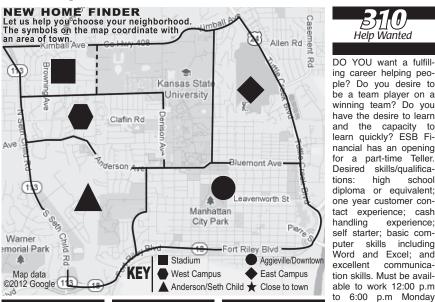
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said. "Defensively, they were on point, but we had a lot of shots that we just didn't make and finish. If we had attempted, say, nine 3-pointers I would say 'We couldn't get a shot off. We shot

Utah's Canadian post duo of Wicijowski and AP all-american Michelle Plouffe each had double-double. Plouffe led all scorers with 24 points and added 13 rebounds, while Wicijowski lead all players with 18 rebounds (eight offensive) and banged in 17 points of her own.

The Utes outrebounded K-State 43-28 on the night and scored 19 second chance

Despite falling behind early as Wicijowski got off to a quick start with eight of Utah's first 13 points, the Wildcat defense settled itself holding Utah to just 13 second-half points. Unfortunately for K-State's WNIT title hopes the shots just weren't falling.
"Defensively I don't think

that we were ever having a really huge issue," Patterson said. "İt just looks like you are when you're going up and down and having empty possessions on offense.

It was a trying season, but one that Patterson feels was a success relative to the adversary that the Wildcats faced through injuries and a lack of height all season. Senior guard Mariah White, who tallied 6 points, 5 rebounds and 2 steals in her final game said the team had a special bond.

"It was good to see all of us come together instead of breaking apart," White said. "That was the best thing, just being each other's sister and best friend when things were tough."

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Assistant Coach Kelly Moylan holds her hands up in frustra-tion after a missed opportunity during during the Wildcats' 54-46 loss to the visiting Utah Utes on April 3 in Bramlage Coliseum during the Semifinals of the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT).



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